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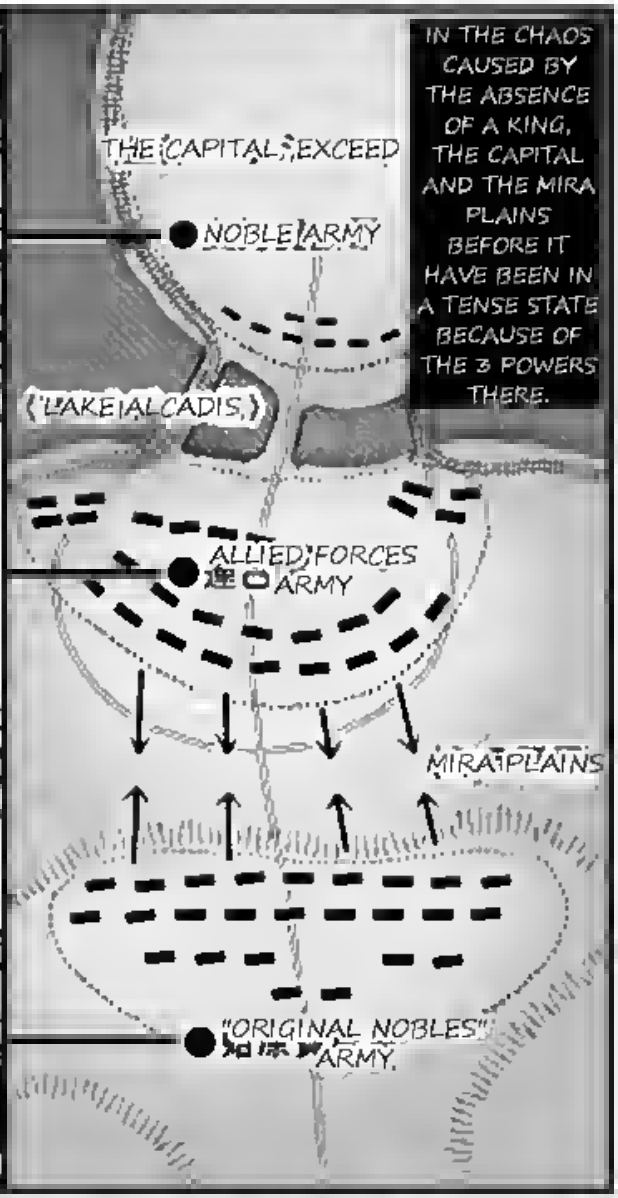
WISHING TO SAVE THE KINGDOM, LECTIVAL WENT THROUGH THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY TO OBTAIN THE PROOF OF A KING, THE KING'S SWORD.
BY SUCCESSFULLY FUSING WITH THE KING'S SWORD, HE OBTAINED THE POWER OF THE 4 WORLDS, AND THE RECORDS OF PAST KINGS, OFFICIALLY BECOMING THE CROWN PRINCE.
HAVING BECOME THE REGENT, LECTIVAL OBTAINED THE HELP OF THE 4 DRAGON DUKES, WHO HAVE PROTECTED THE KINGDOM SINCE BEFORE ITS FOUNDING, AND HEADED TO THE BATTLEFIELD WITH THEIR ARMIES.

THE NOBLES THAT SUPPORTED THE NEW KING. CONFINED THEMSELVES IN THE CAPITAL FOR PROTECTION.

THE ALLIED FORCES ARMY, CONSISTING OF VARIOUS WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS TO INVADE AND DEMAND REPARATIONS.

THE "ORIGINAL NOBLES" ARMY, THEY DESIRE FOR THE KING TO BE CHOSEN PROPERLY, AND ARRIVED TO PREVENT THE ALLIED FORCES FROM CAPTURING THE CAPITAL.



IN THE CHAOS CAUSED BY THE ABSENCE OF A KING, THE CAPITAL AND THE MIRA PLAINS BEFORE IT HAVE BEEN IN A TENSE STATE BECAUSE OF THE 3 POWERS THERE.

AS THE CROWN PRINCE, HIS GOAL IS TO MAKE THE ALLIED FORCES LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND TO RETAKE THE CAPITAL FROM THE TRAITOROUS NOBLES.

LECTIVAL HAS NO CONNECTION TO ANY OF THE THREE POWERS.

CAPITAL
THE HEAVENLY STAR PALACE
(DIAMOND HOUSE)
YOU IMBE-CILE!
THE KING'S PALACE, THE "HEAVENLY STAR PALACE", IS OCCUPIED BY THE LAST KING'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, MARQUIS GRIMALDI AND OTHER NOBLES, WHO ACT LIKE IT BELONGS TO THEM.
I HEARD THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE ROYAL GUARD!
MARQUIS
OIPHEN DAZ FERBUUL GRIMALDI

I DEEPLY APOLOGIZE FOR THIS.
ROYAL GUARD COMMANDER BERFILE HAUSSER
RIGHT AWAY!
GET THE REMAINING ROYAL GUARDS AND HAVE THEM GUARD THIS CASTLE, AND HIRE MORE MERCENARIES!
YES?
AND SO...

GAH! THE LOT OF YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY USELESS!
HAVE YOU STILL NOT FOUND OUT WHO THE PERSON CLAIMING TO BE THE "WHITE" IS?
NO, THE SPIES WE SENT TO THE HOLY CITY HAVE YET TO RETURN.
IT'S JUST A "WHITE", WHAT CAN HE DO? I AM THE MASTER OF THIS CASTLE, I WON'T LET ANYONE TAKE IT FROM ME!
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SIR...

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARD...
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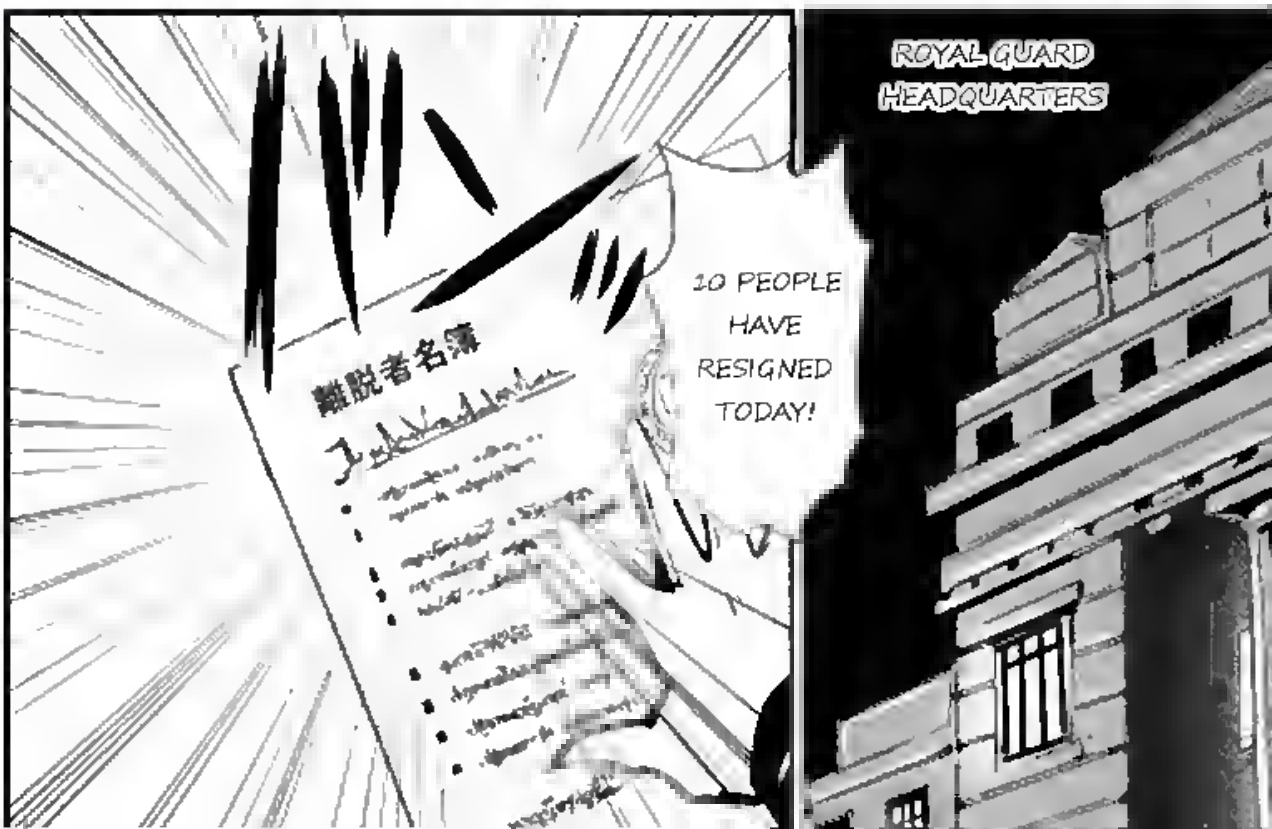
ROYAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS
10 PEOPLE HAVE RESIGNED TODAY!
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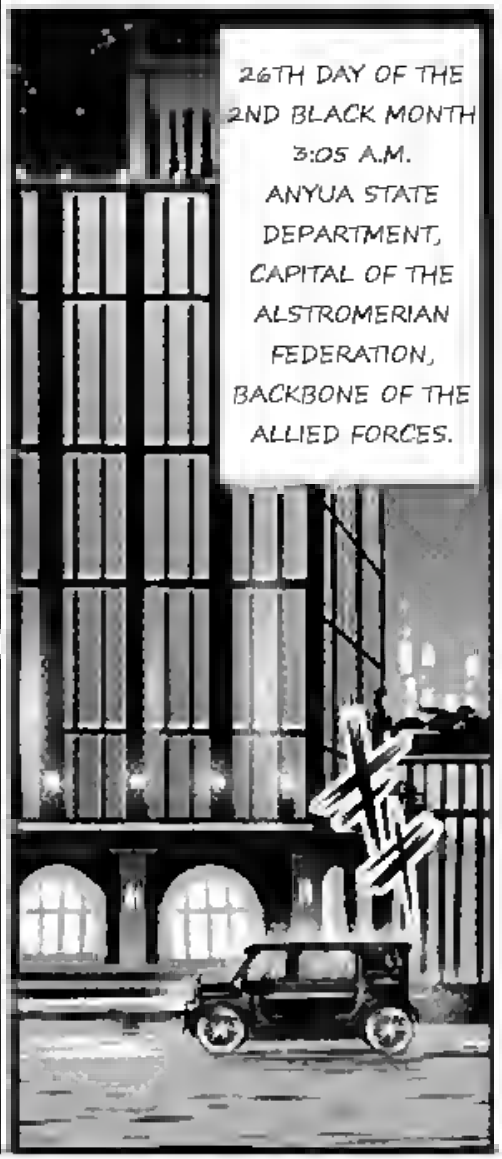
WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VOICE YOU HAVE.
MORALE JUST KEEPS PLUMMETING UNDER THE MARQUIS' COMMAND, HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO DO NOTHING?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MERCENARIES CALL US BEHIND OUR BACKS?!
NOW, NOW, HOLD ON, THE COMMANDER IS DOING WHAT HE CAN
SIR, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!
THEY CAN SAY WHAT THEY WANT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK AT THIS,
"RUSTED SWORDS", DOES THAT NOT FRUSTRATE YOU, SIR?!
A FEW DAYS AGO, I SECRETLY MET WITH AN ENVOY OF THE WHITE DRAGON DUKE AND RECEIVED IT.

ASSEMBLE EVERYONE FOR A MEETING.
DO YOU REALLY THINK ANY OF THEM QUIT?


26TH DAY OF THE
2ND BLACK MONTH
3:05 A.M.
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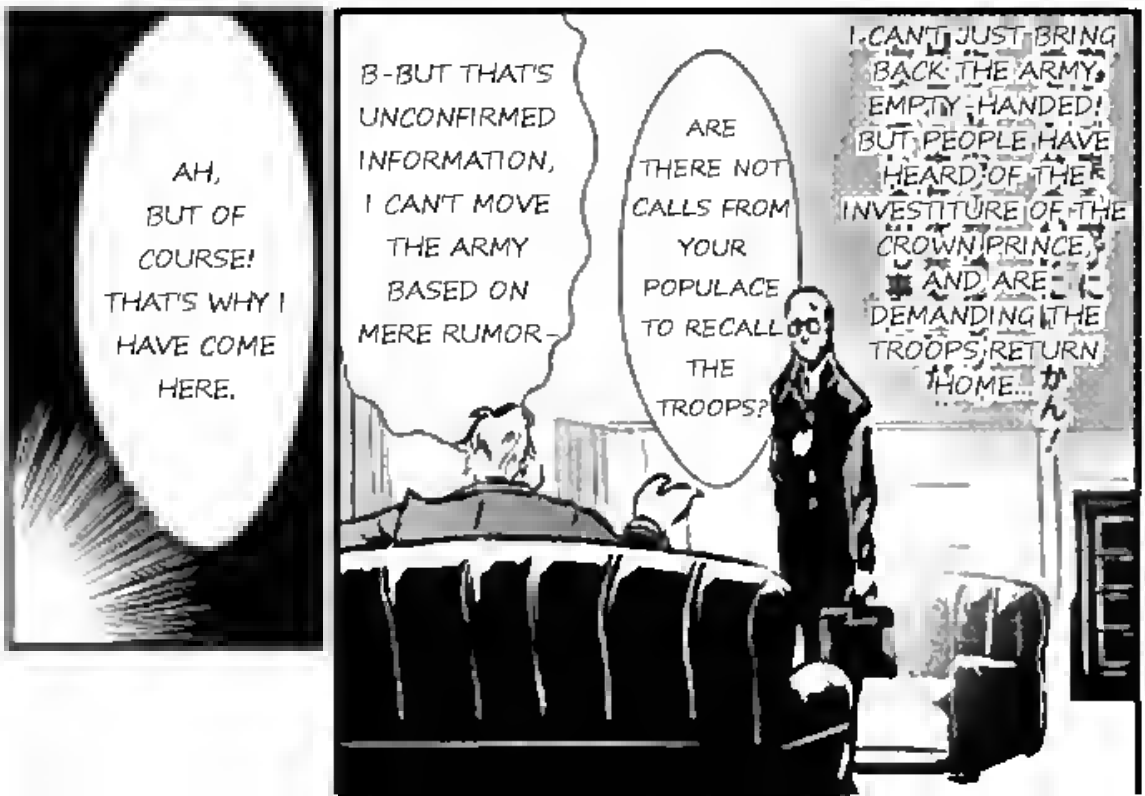
DEPARTMENT,
CAPITAL OF THE
ALSTROMERIAN
FEDERATION,
BACKBONE OF THE
ALLIED FORCES.

I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THIS ROLE AS OF TODAY, SO I HURRIED HERE TO GREET YOU.
THOUGH IT'S THIS LATE, YOU'RE QUITE COURTEOUS TO GREET ME LIKE THIS.

SIR WILCOTT HAAS, IS IT?
ALSTROMERIAN FEDERATION SECRETARY OF STATE SCHUYLER HARDT GIRTON
HOW THOUGHTLESS ARE YOU TO VISIT AT 3 IN THE MORNING?
WAS YOUR BUSINESS SIMPLY A GREETING? IN THAT CASE I'LL B-
SIR,
YES.
ALTODESTENIAN KINGDOM AMBASSADOR WILCOTT HAAS
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE INVESTITURE OF OUR COUNTRY'S CROWN PRINCE?

OH, THEN HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE CROWN PRINCE THANKING THE ALLIED FORCES FOR ASSISTING IN MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER, AND THAT THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL PAY REPARATIONS FOR THE SOLDIERS THAT HAVE BEEN HURT IN THEIR DUTIES?
HIS HIGHNESS HAS EVEN ORDERED THE REGULAR ARMY TO GO TO MIRA PLAINS TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER THERE.
I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT IT, BUT THE PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR SAID IT WAS MERELY A RUMOR.

THE KINGDOM HAS STARTED IT'S OBVIOUS INFORMATION WAR... MY ARMY IS CURRENTLY RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR CAPITAL AND REINFORCEMENTS ARE CLOSE AS WELL. JUST A LITTLE LONGER AND WE CAN GET A BETTER PEACE DEAL...
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CHEAP PAPER LYING AROUND WITH THAT WRITTEN ON IT...


AH, BUT OF COURSE! THAT'S WHY I HAVE COME HERE.
B-BUT THAT'S UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION, I CAN'T MOVE THE ARMY BASED ON MERE RUMOR-
ARE THERE NOT CALLS FROM YOUR POPULACE TO RECALL THE TROOPS?
I-CAN'T JUST BRING BACK THE ARMY, EMPTY-HANDED! BUT PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF THE INVESTITURE OF THE CROWN PRINCE, AND ARE DEMANDING THE TROOPS RETURN HOME...
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THIS IS AN APPEAL FROM HIS HIGHNESS LECTIVAL, CURRENTLY ACTING AS REGENT WITH FULL AUTHORITY, REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF YOUR FORCES.
IF YOU DON'T COMPLY IN A TIMELY FASHION, YOUR COUNTRY MIGHT BE IN FOR AN UNPLEASANT SITUATION.
I HOPE YOU WILL ACT WISELY.

SAME DAY, 3:30 ROYAL GUARD HEAD-QUARTERS LARGE AUDITO-RIUM

DIDN'T HE SAY HE WAS JOINING THE "ORIGINAL NOBLES" ARMY?
HOW COME THE GUYS THAT RESIGNED ARE ALSO HERE?
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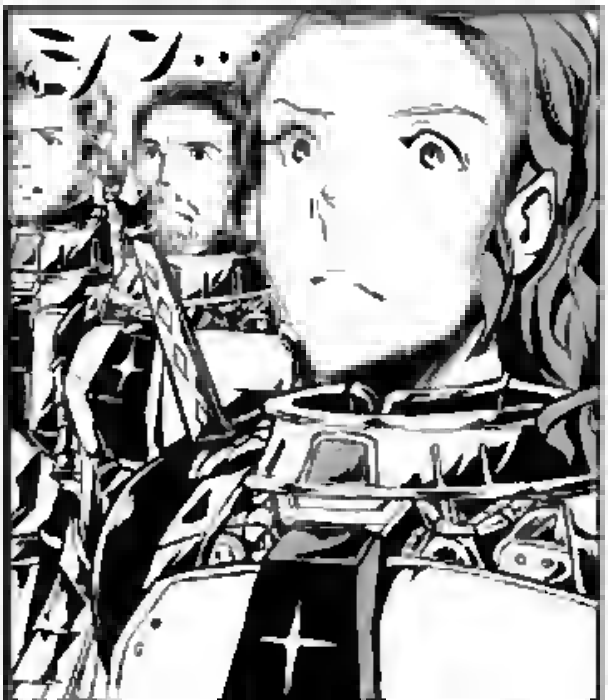
MAYBE THE RUMORS ABOUT THE CROWN PRINCE WERE TRUE?
AND IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME EVERYONE WAS CALLED IN?
TO FOOL YOUR ENEMIES, YOU MUST FOOL YOUR ALLIES... A CLEVER MOVE, SIR!
SO BERFILE HAD SOLDIERS RESIGN IN ORDER TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE VARIOUS NOBLES.
I HAVE AN ORDER FROM THE CROWN PRINCE!

I SHALL READ THE ORDER ALOUD.
QUIET.

REGENT'S ORDER...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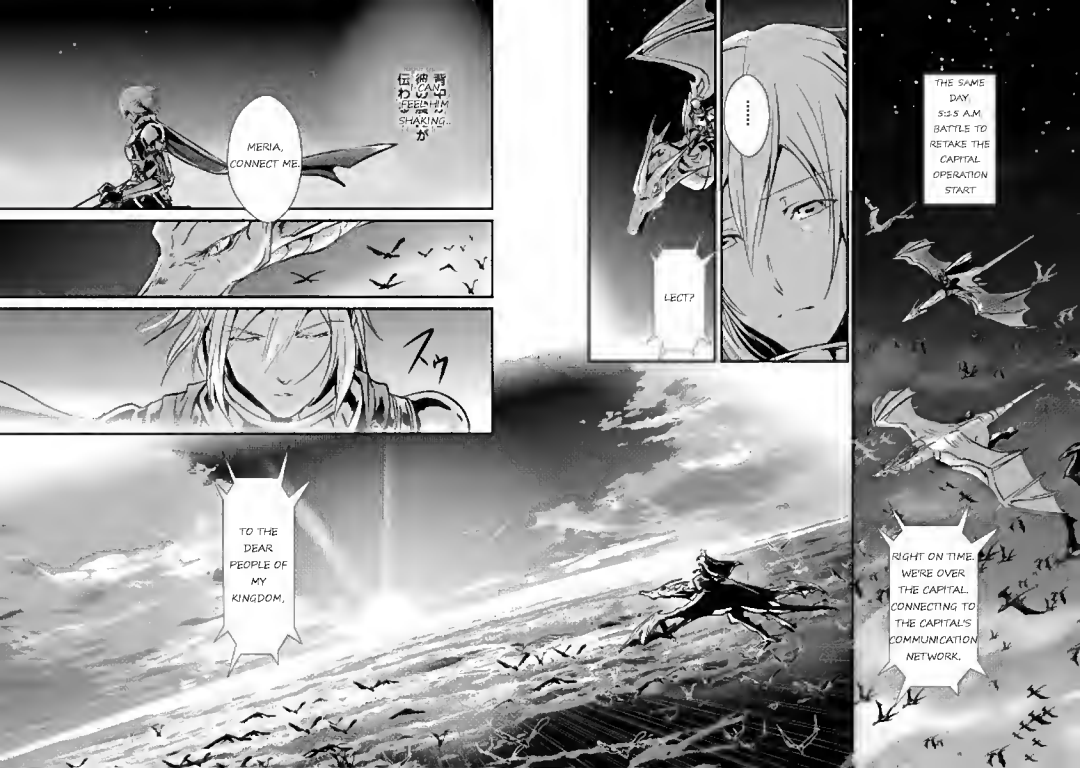
THE ROYAL GUARD, TO USE ALL YOUR POWER AND SHOW YOUR LOYALTY BY ELIMINATING THE TRAITOROUS NOBLES THAT HAVE OCCUPIED THE CAPITAL.
I, THE REGENT OF THE ALTODESTENIAN KINGDOM, LECTIVAL ROUITS=ROLD ERWIH, ORDER YOU,
YOU HAVE DONE WELL TO WAIT THIS LONG,
YOU MAY FREELY USE YOUR POWER NOW.

THE ROYAL GUARD WILL HEREBY EXTERMINATE THE TRAITORS!
ENOUGH OF THAT "RUSTED SWORDS" ACT.


THE SAME DAY. 5:15 A.M. BATTLE TO RETAKE THE CAPITAL OPERATION START
RIGHT ON TIME. WE'RE OVER THE CAPITAL. CONNECTING TO THE CAPITAL'S COMMUNICATION NETWORK.
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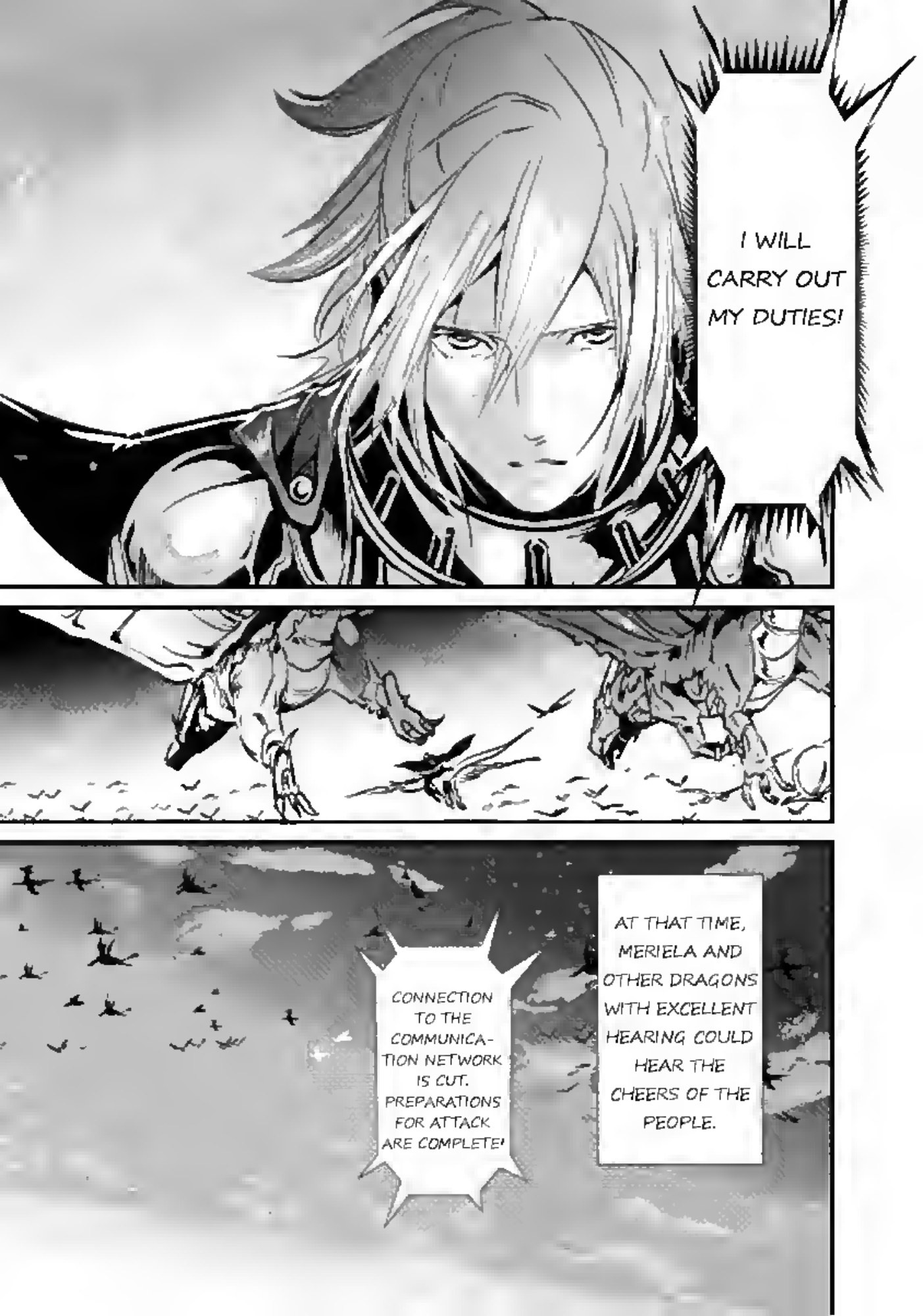
背後から伝わってくる FEELING HIM SHAKING...
MERIA, CONNECT ME.
TO THE DEAR PEOPLE OF MY KINGDOM,

MY NAME IS LECTIVAL, LECTIVAL ROUITS=ROLD ERWIH.
I AM TRULY HAPPY TO BE THE SYMBOL OF SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE.
THANK YOU FOR ENDURING ALL THOSE BITTER DAYS,

AS THE REGENT OF THE ALTODESTENIAN KINGDOM,
TO ENSURE THE KINGDOM'S PEACE AND PROSPERITY,


I WILL CARRY OUT MY DUTIES!
AT THAT TIME, MERIELA AND OTHER DRAGONS WITH EXCELLENT HEARING COULD HEAR THE CHEERS OF THE PEOPLE.
CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNICATION NETWORK IS CUT. PREPARATIONS FOR ATTACK ARE COMPLETE!

THIS OPERATION WILL BE CALLED "RESURRECTION".
COMMENCE THE ATTACK!